

## **Minutes of the East Montpelier Selectboard**

**January 30, 2012**

**SB Attendance:** Chair Bruce Johnson, Peter Hill, Carl Etnier, Casey Northrup, Seth Gardner

**Public Attendance:** Steve Sparrow

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm.

**Additions to Agenda:** Roads policy committee update; removal of personnel matter

**Public Comment:** None

### **Selectboard Report For 2011 Town Report**

The board reviewed and edited the draft Selectboard report before approving it for inclusion in the 2011 Town Report.

### **FY2013 Budget Finalization**

The board reviewed the proposed FY13 budget. The Selectboard budget is up 18% to \$1,875,219. The vast majority of the increase is due to two items: the inclusion of the Calais portion of the ESF bond as an expense item (so that the entire bond costs now show as an expense; the increase is offset by a Calais revenue line) and the insertion of a \$150,000 paving line item (offset by a corresponding decrease in the Capital Reserve Fund request).

**Motion: To adopt the proposed FY2013 budget as presented.** Made by Mr. Northrup; second by Mr. Hill. Passed unanimously.

### **2012 Town Meeting Warning Finalization**

Board members discussed the inclusion, by Selectboard motion, of three articles for the warning. The board finalized language for a separate article to benefit the Central VT Memorial Civic Center. Members agreed to support a request by a sub-committee of the East Montpelier Village Committee for an article enabling the placement of "Welcome to East Montpelier Village" signs on Rtes. 2 and 14. Finally, the board crafted a discussion item regarding a methodology to deal with future occurrences that might warrant the removal of sections of road from the town's public road system.

**Motion: To include in the 2012 Town Meeting Articles of Warning the following articles:**

**ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1,000 for the Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center for the support of the Central Vermont Memorial Civic Center.**

**ARTICLE 13: Shall the town raise the sum not to exceed \$2,000 to be expended for the fabrication and installation of four (4) "Welcome to East Montpelier Village" signs to be placed at the four approaches to the Village along U.S. Route 2 and VT Route 14, subject to affected landowner permission.**

**ARTICLE 14: For discussion: Shall the Town consider a process of strategic disinvestment in roads and other infrastructure that is at risk of severe damage from natural disasters.**

Made by Mr. Etnier; second by Mr. Gardner. Passed unanimously.

The Chair presented the updated 2012 Town Meeting Articles of Warning for board consideration.

**Motion: To approve the 2012 Town Meeting Articles of Warning as presented.** Made by Mr. Northrup; second by Mr. Hill. Passed unanimously.

### **Warrants**

Selectboard members signed the warrant.

### **Other Business/Town Administrator Report**

New road crew member Craig Seadeek has signed up for the town's health insurance. By consensus the board approved a full 2012 town contribution for Mr. Seadeek's health savings account.

The town's FY2011 external audit by Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs has been received.

The Noyes Environmental Court appeal is set for trial on February 15, 2012. By consensus the board agreed to not contest a request by Mr. Noyes to amend his application to request one residential unit rather than two for his property on VT Rte. 14 S.

The Sanfacon DRB appeal hearing was rescheduled to February 7, 2012. The DRB conducted a site visit of the Sanfacon property on January 28, 2012.

The town has received preliminary approval of its request for Central VT Regional Planning Commission funding of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment on the WEC storage garage property that is the prospective location of a town-owned park 'n ride facility.

The Roads Policy Committee will hold its next meeting on February 9, 2012.

The town administrator will complete the "exit interview" from FEMA for the DR 4001 (May 26/27 storm event) and DR 4022 (T.S. Irene) project worksheets to finalize the town's damage requests for those two emergency declarations.

**Motion: To adjourn.** Made by Mr. Etnier; second by Mr. Northrup. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Johnson, Selectboard

**Approved: February 6, 2012 East Montpelier Selectboard meeting**